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Dear friend May:

Last week I sent to your address, in care of your brother John, half a dozen large photographs for your portfolio, (exceedingly well executed by Whipple,) giving views of Franklin and Summer streets, perhaps taken when your father and mother resided in the former street, and one of them showing a part of the house they occupied, if I mistake not. They will be to you a pleasant reminder of "auld lang syne," and are certainly worth preserving as of historical interest. Please accept them as a slight token of my regard, and gratitude for the immense benefaction you have bestowed upon me and mine, and which is always in our remembrance. St. Young's church, on the Green, is specially interesting as being the one in which our dear sainted S. J. May <sup>first</sup> raised his voice against slavery and colorphobia, and gave me his warm public approval.

I have just received your letter, thanking me for my criticism upon Judge Pitman in last week's Independent. Whether he will reply to what I wrote remains to be <sup>seen</sup>, though personal controversy, as such, is not allowed in the columns of that paper. The coolness with which politicians undertake to disparage, or represent as impotent, the thirty years of moral and religious agitation for the overthrow of slavery, and to exaggerate the labors of those Senators and Representatives in Congress whose position was secured wholly by that agitation, is really amazing. If Sumner or Wilson choose to make or to accept such a discrimination in his favor, the more is the pity; nevertheless, it still remains true that "Wisdom is justified of her children."

The postman has also just brought me a letter from noble Gerrit







- Smith, in which he says - "I am glad to see your criticisms on Judge Pitman. It is a valuable contribution to the cause of truth. . . There is but too much truth in what you say of the Liberty Party." This is the more gratifying, remembering how active Mr Smith was in the formation of that party.

Do not again apologize for not coming out to see us. While ever delighted to see you, we do not wish to exact so much of your time when you have so many things to attend to when in the city.

We are all very happy that George is wedded to one in every way worthy of him.

I shall try to see your blessed mother soon. In haste,

Affectionately yours,

Wm. Lloyd Garrison.



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